

**Gadsden  
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# First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church  
Changing Lives by *Sharing Christ, Making Disciples,*  
*Serving and Giving Hope*



[www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org)

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

July 19, 2020

## Calendar for July 19-July 25, 2020

**July 19, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting: 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Live Streaming, (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast); 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram**

**July 20, Monday, 6:30 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Carrie, via Zoom**

**July 21, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule;**

**6:30 pm, Emmaus Cluster, Gym; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard**

**July 22, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live;**

**6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram**

**July 23, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule (Last Day);**

**5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary; 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom**

**July 24, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico**



### STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH

From the APP you can look at the newsletter each week and listen to all the sermons. All services are recorded and downloaded after an hour as well as special events or services. If you don't have the APP and need assistance, call the church office.

**A MASK is required If you are attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday thru Friday, you may call if you have a need that we can help with. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. Refer to the schedule of worship and times on the calendar. Stay Well. Stay Safe.**



**Give!** Your church needs your support now more than ever! Since we have had to suspend in-person worship service, we haven't been able to receive offerings (obviously). We still need your support to keep our awesome church going. You can always do online giving through our secure e-giving site. Go to our church website [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give) or to the App: FUMC Gadsden to find out how or drop a check in the mail to 115 S. 5th street, Gadsden, AL 35901. If you can give something extra during this time, it would really help and be much appreciated!

**Call 256-543-8200** (church office) if you need any assistance.

*The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to Mike and Sheila Bishop in the death of his mother Elizabeth Bishop Staffell*

*July 12, 2020*



## Honorariums and Memorials

**General Budget Fund:** In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Jackie Herlong.

In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler given by Betty Frantz.

**Ladle of Love Fund:** In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, Holley Freeman Sparks, Willene Griffith, and DeLeath Rives given by Peggy Burnett.

**Music Fund:** In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Sonya Nesbitt. In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Nancy Hansen.

In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Diana Rampey. In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Juanita Hammons.

**Missions-Manna:** In memory of Judy Mills given by Sonya Nesbitt.

memorials  
& gifts

### Birthdays.....

**July 19** Judy Dawson, Jane Newman, Shane Robinson

**July 20** Tim Freeman, Clair Harrison, Parker Casey

**July 21** Whit Torbert, Ava Brooke Malone

**July 22** Betty Abel, Kathy Torbert, Jenny Guthery

**July 23** Louise Ferguson, Barbara Morrison, Marsha Williams, Pandora McLeod, Bob Sisson, Cameron Powell

**July 24** Evelyn Pierson, Roger Kirby, Donna Leach, Mary Ryle

**July 25** Zane Kimbrough, Audria Wood, Lauren Penn, Jake Edwards

### Week of July 12, 2020

Online Viewer Total 378

\*In Person Total 33 Total overall 411

Celebration 138 Traditions 146

Mosaic \*9 / 10 Thursday \*24

Youth & College 7 Bible Study Groups 61

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$10,294.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$432,320.00

YTD General Offering Received \$413,569.29

Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00

**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**

**Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)**

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Elizabeth Bishop Staffell

Nancy Smith



### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Butch Herb John Floyd

Doug Martin Joanne Hightower

Jane Jones Ronald Garry

Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

## ***"It's Christmas in Our Hearts!"***

### **It's NOT too late! Fill a Christmas Stocking for a Child!**

The GFUMC Mission Team invites you to celebrate Christmas in July! Fill a stocking for a child in need! These stockings will be given to children this Christmas! You can still pick up a stocking and the suggested shopping list at the portico of the church on July 23 from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Fill the stocking with the recommended items and then return the filled stockings to the church portico on either July 23 or July 30 from 3 pm to 6 pm. Members of the mission team will be on hand to collect the stockings.



## ***Christmas in July!***

*(Please remember the church office is closed, so use the pick-up and drop-off times above.)*

All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed until a later time.



Lessons will be posted on Sundays and Wednesdays on the Children's Ministry Facebook page.

The theme is "Look Up" with Proverbs 3:5-6 as the scripture.

### **ELC News**

Thank you to all who made our **4K 2020 Graduation** possible. Our families were so excited to participate and have this closure to the 2019-2020 school year. Special thanks to Sheila Freeman for broadcasting the ceremony live through Facebook and on the church's web page, and to Matthew Vance for running sound. You may visit the church Facebook page or web page to view the program now.

We are now preparing for our 2020-2021 school year. Currently, open house is set for **Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 11:30 am**. Our first day will be Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Activities**

Parents please let us know the plans for band camp, or sports practice at your students school. Our youth group will be bringing popsicles and water to the students this summer.

Online devotionals are being posted once a week from youth pastors at GFUMC, Christ Central, Pell City, and Southside UMC.

*Join us on Wednesday nights  
@ 6:30pm in the green space.*



**Sunday & Wednesdays,  
6 pm**

**Join Andy on Facebook  
Live or Instagram.**

## **United Methodist Women**

*Well, here we are still in quarantine....Is this ever going to end?*

Once again, thanks to everyone for your participation in making our 2020 Auction a huge success!!

### **Update for UMW summer schedule:**

We have been hoping and praying that we as United Methodist Women would be able to meet this summer at a restaurant for dinner so that we could meet for fellowship and food. However, sadly, that is not to be. The number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise so we all need to be staying at home and only going out as necessary wearing a mask. If anyone would like to do a Zoom meeting, we can collect names and schedule a meeting when it is convenient for everyone. Several groups at the church have either Gotomeetings or Zoom meetings going on through this quarantine time. We can make the arrangements as needed. We do not know when we will be able to return to our usual UMW Luncheons. It will depend upon the status of this virus. Watch the newsletter for any updates. Thank you for your part in UMW and may God continue to bless each one of us.

**—UMW Board**





Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for the church Facebook page: @FUMCGadsden on Facebook. Like or follow GFUMC

New:: Live Video Broadcast: Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) and look for the “sermon player”.

On Demand Video & Audio of each of the worship services will generally be available on the church app and website within one hour of services.

## One, one, one... Challenge!

Our theme for 2020 is #Connect2020. How do we reach out to each other and stay connected when we are in quarantine and being asked to practice social distancing? It's definitely a challenge, and it can be a bit overwhelming to think of the entire scope of this challenge. We can't reach out to *everybody*. But what if we could do for “one” what we wish that we could do for “everyone?”

When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: “*Ek, ek, ek!*” It is Hindi for “*One, one, one...*” *She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one. She said, “I can only love one person at a time – just one, one, one. So you begin. I begin. I picked up one person...Just begin – one, one, one.”*

The one, one, one challenge is simple: Make one phone call a day to check on somebody. Just see how they are holding up. Send one text a day to someone just to encourage them. It could be a friend, a family member...anyone whom the Lord puts on your heart. And then write one note a day. It could be a thank-you card, a “thinking-of-you” note...a sticky note you put on your spouse's mirror that reminds them that you care.

Sound simple? It is. Will it make a difference? I believe it will! I would like to see 111 of our church members take the one, one, one challenge. Just think of the power of that connection! If you would like to take this challenge and sign up for one, one, one – please call the church office. I'll be giving updates as we go along. How long will the challenge last? As long as we are being asked to quarantine and practice social distancing. But who knows...we might decide we like doing this so much that we keep it going!

—Pastor Sam

ONE		Call ONE
ONE		Text ONE
ONE		Write ONE
#GFUMCCONNECT2020		



# Journey Groups

All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed.

*Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering, FacebookLive or online GoToMeetings.*

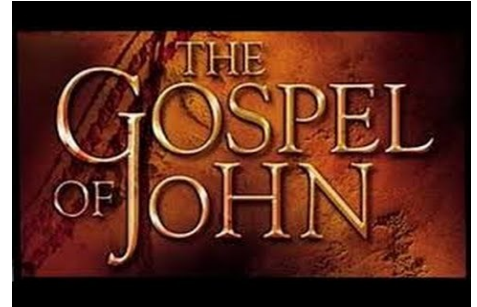
## A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm beginning May 27 for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live

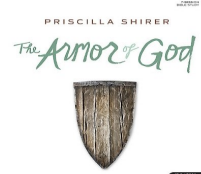
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand". Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)



## Women's Bible Study

June 8-July 20, I will lead a 7-week study of Priscilla Shirer's, *Armor of God* on Mondays at 6:30pm. Per the participants request, we will use ZOOM as our online platform. Anyone interested in participating in the study can contact the Church Office or contact me directly via e-mail or Facebook. —Pastor Carrie



GoToMeeting is a web-hosted service created and marketed by LogMeIn. It is an online meeting, desktop sharing, and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients or colleagues via the Internet in real time.

**This is a super easy way for GFUMC groups to stay connected, meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study during this time.**

- A GoToMeeting can be joined on your computer, tablet, or smartphone through a web browser or app.
- Participants DO NOT even have to have a computer to be able to participate. A phone number is also provided to call into the meeting.
- Invitations to join the meeting are sent out via email to members.

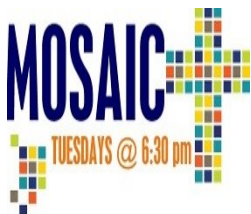
**If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.**

We can easily set up a meeting for your small group, circle or Sunday school. Each group will need to select a moderator or leader and this role can be shared.

### Scheduled GoToMeetings:

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)

**Email [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org) if you need the link or meeting ID**



**Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic**  
**Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard**  
**Facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!**